

May 20, 2015, Summary Discussion Notes

Preparation for NOAA/EPA's Testimony at the June Oregon Board of Forestry meeting on the Oregon Department of Forestry's Proposed Riparian Rule Revisions in Salem, Oregon

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- General Background was provided on ODF's riparian rule revision process.
- We discussed, in greater detail, ODF's "riparian rule analysis" focusing on;
 - Buffer widths and
 - Rule application
- We discussed Testimony content and logistics
 - Testimony content – key points to focus on, i.e., size of no-cut buffers and importance of type N streams
 - Testimony length – is typically 3 to 5 minutes – no slides or long presentation – oral statement only
 - Joint vs individual - We are hoping to provide a joint testimony – both agency representatives presenting together – NOAA's testimony would be followed by EPA's testimony – EPA's draft testimony for the April BOF meeting could be used as a template
- We discussed how to address specific questions that might be asked of the BOF members including:
 - Will adoption of riparian rule revisions satisfy Coastal Coho listing concerns and the NOAA/EPA CZARA concerns?
 - Why is .3 degree change in temperature so important?
 - If the coho population is increasing, why do we need to make changes to our current practices?
 - What is the importance of type "N" streams?
 - What about the results of the Hinkle Creek study which shows temperature decreased in some streams post-harvest?
 - Others?
- CZARA Background -
 - Allison provide a history of the Oregon CZARA through our final decision including an update of our current efforts. We also discussed the linkage between CZARA and the Oregon's riparian rule revision process.
- Action Items
 - Alan to contact ODF to ensure the "joint testimony" would acceptable and to determine how much time we would be given if we provided a joint testimony.
 - Jeff will send Phil information on the BRT study. Other relevant documents will be sent to Phil as needed.

- Phil will develop an outline for NOAA's testimony and send it to Team members for input on Tuesday, May 26th. Phil will need a quick turn-around from the Team.
- Based on comments, Phil will modify the outline and testimony content.
- Alan will adjust EPA's draft testimony to align with NOAA's testimony
- Jeff, Allison and Phil will coordinate getting NOAA's upper management input on the testimony.
- Alan will get EPA upper management input on the revised EPA testimony
- We will do a dry run of the testimonies on June 1st.
- Alan will set up the conference call logistics for the dry run. The call will start at noon Pacific time.